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(54) Collapsible container with stacking features

(57) A collapsible container (10) includes a plurality of walls (14,18) collapsible onto the base (12). A first wall (18) has a support (20) pivotable between a support position where it is partially supported on an adjacent wall

(14) and a retracted position. An adjacent wall (14) has a stop (40) formed thereon which forces the support (20) into the support position when the first wall (18) is moved to the upright position.

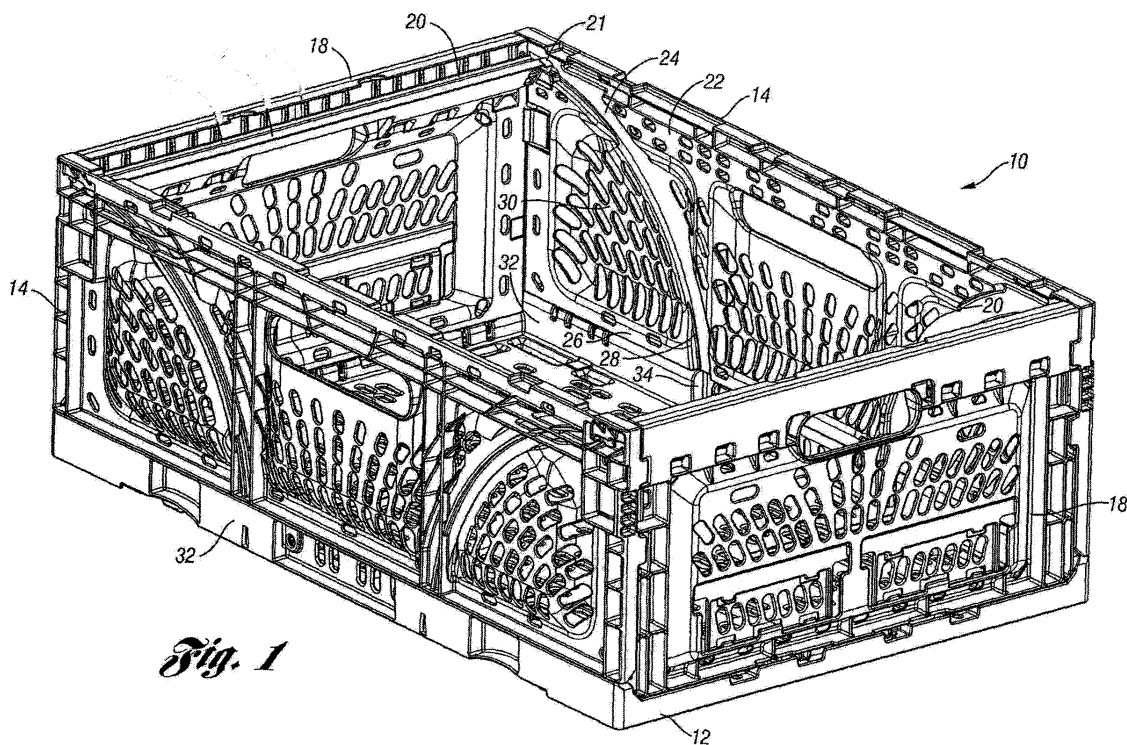


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1. claims: 1-11

a collapsible container comprising a base, a first and a second walls pivotable and collapsible, a support pivotably mounted to the first wall, the support being pivotable between a support position and a retracted position. The second wall includes a stop protruding inwardly of the container and the support contacts the stop of the second wall as the first wall is moved toward the upright position to force the support toward the support position.

2. claim: 12

a mold half having a recess for receiving an insert for forming a hard stop in a channel of a wall of a collapsible container.

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